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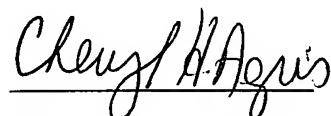
The specification has been amended to insert priority information.

Claims 1-48 are pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 47-48 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-15 have been amended to more distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. No new matter has been added and these new claims are supported by the specification.

Applicants assert that the claims are in condition for examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (914) 712-0093 if there any questions regarding this application or amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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